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- 1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PROPOSED WORDING OF FIRST RESOLUTION REPORTED REFTEL IS IN FIRST INSTANCE UNREALISTIC AND IN SECOND INSTANCE SOMEWHAT UNBALANCED. MODIFICATIONS SUGGESTED BELOW DESIGNED TO AVOID RAISING EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING FUTURE REVENUE BEYOND POINT OF PRACTICALITY. FURTHER, EXHORTATION FOR INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE PROPERLY AND MORE PRECISELY ADDRESSED.
- 2. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FROM GOVERNMENTS FOR FY 1976 AND FY 1977 ARE CONSIDERABLY BELOW 200 MILLION GOAL MENTIONED BY LABOUISSE AND ENDORSED BY DRAFT RESOLUTION. EVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REVENUES FROM SUCH NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCE AS CARD SALES

ARE ESTIMATED AS FALLING 16 PERCENT SHORT OF EXPECTED RECEIPTS. MOREOVER, PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR THESE SAME TWO YEARS ALSO SHORT OF GOAL BY 50 MILLION DOLLARS AND 41 MILLION DOLLARS, RESPECTIVELY.

- 3. ACCORDINGLY, SUGGEST FIRST OPERATIONAL PARAGRAPH OF FIRST RESOLUTION READ: QUOTE ENDORSES A GOAL FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND OF 200 MILLION DOLLARS IN ANNUAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES. UNQUOTE. CHANGE HAS EFFECT OF ELIMINATING UNREALISTIC ELEMENT OF IMMEDIACY AND UNWARRANTED EXPECTATION FROM GOVERNMENTS AS SINGLE SOURCE OF FUNDS.
- 4. SECOND OPERATIONAL PARAGRAPH DOES NOT SEEM WELL-BALANCED IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHEREBY SOME NON-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE WEALTH. PREFER THEREFORE THAT WORDING BE MODIFIED TO ACCORD WITH LANGUAGE IN E/5848 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE APPEALS, WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY, TO GOVERNMENTS IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO -- TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND.... UNQUOTE. THE FOREGOING OR SIMILAR WORDING MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE BURDEN OF SUPPORT FALLS NOT ONLY UPON THE

TRADITIONAL DONORS, BUT UPON OTHER GOVERNMENTS NEWLY CAPABLE OF MAKING SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. DEPARTMENT SEES NO PROBLEMS IN CONTENT OF SECOND RESOLUTION. KISSINGER

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